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ANAEROBIC BACTERIUM AS A DRUG FOR  
CANCER GENE THERAPY  
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**CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-287688, filed September 21, 2000, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

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